

REMARKS

Claims 9, 10, 13-15, 17 and 18 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as being allegedly directed to non-statutory subject matter. Claims 1-2, 6 and 9 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being allegedly unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,055,526 (“Ambroziak”) in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0204513 (“Bumbulis”).

Interview Summary

Applicant’s undersigned representative, Mr. Eiferman, and Examiner Sheree Brown participated in a telephonic interview on May 26, 2009, to discuss the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §§ 101 and 103. Agreement was reached that the claim amendments herein would overcome the current rejections. Examiner Brown also confirmed that independent claim 9 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). Examiner Brown stated that the April 13 Office Action included a clerical error in which claim 9 was not listed as one of the claims rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 101

Claims 9, 10, 13-15, 17 and 18 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as being allegedly directed to non-statutory subject matter. Independent claims 9 and 17 are hereby amended to recite acts performed by a computer processor. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that independent claims 9 and 17 and all claims depending therefrom are directed to statutory subject matter.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-2, 6 and 9 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being allegedly unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,055,526 (“Ambroziak”) in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0204513 (“Bumbulis”). Independent claims 1 and 9 are hereby amended as suggested in the April 13 Office Action to incorporate allowable subject matter in claims 5 and 13, respectively. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that

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independent claims 1 and 9 and all claims depending therefrom are patentable over the cited references.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

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